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FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE
APRIL 8. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS
REMARKS INDICATING THAT GKR PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET MAY HAVE
HELD TALKS WITH KHMER COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES IN BANGKOK
APRIL 7.

REPORTER: I HAVE HEARD THAT CAMBODIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY
LIM IS STILL ILL. IS HE STILL HERE?

CHATCHAI: NO. HE HAS RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH ALREADY. I TOOK
I TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR TWO
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DAYS AND HE HAS LEFT HERE ALREADY. LONG BORET RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH

THIS MORNING.

REPORTER: IN REGARD TO MOVES MADE YESTERDAY..

CHATCHAI: I THINK THAT HE WENT AND HELD A MEETING WITH SOME PERSONS OF THE OTHER SIDE.

REPORTER: WAS THAT MEETING HELD HERE IN BANGKOK?

CHATCHAI YES, HERE IN BANGKOK.

REPORTER: WAS THAT OTHER SIDE KHMER ROUGE?

CHATCHAI YES, CAMBODIANS.

REPORTER: DOES THAT MEAN THAT LONG BORET MET THEM?

CHATCHAI: YES. LONG BORET MOST PROBABLY MET THEM.

REPORTER: WHO ARE THOSE RED CAMBODIANS?

CHATCHAI I DON'T KNOW.

REPORTER: WHEN WAS THE MEETING HELD?

CHATCHAI LAST NIGHT.

REPORTER: WAS THAT THE REASON WHY HE HAD NOT RETURNED YET..

CHATCHAI I HEARD THAT THERE WAS NO PLANE , OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

REPORETER: DID YOU MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR THE TWO SIDES TO MEET?

CHATCHAI: I INVITED HIM TO STAY HERE OVERNIGHT.I DON'T KNOW WHO HE WOULD MEET, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO INTERFERE IN THERIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ALL I HAVE HEARD IS THAT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF A POLITICAL PARTY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER SIDE.

REPORTER: HAVE YOU HEARD WHETHER THERE IS ANY HOPE FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD?

CHATCHAI THERE IS, OTHERWISE WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE TALKED FOR AS LONG AS 4 HOURS.

REPORTER: ARE THEY THAIS?

CHATCHAI: I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCLOSE ANYTHING YET.

REPORTER: ARE THEY THE PERSONS YOU WILL CONTACT DIRECTLY?

CHATCHAI ER... BETTER LEAVE IT THIS WAY. HE MET WITH ANOTHER SIDE, REGARDLESS WHAT SIDE IT IS.

REPORTER: WAS CONTACT MADE?

CHATCHAI YES. CONTACT WAS MADE, AT OUR INVITATION.

REPORTER: WITH KHMER ROUGE?

CHATCHAI WE DID NOT MAKE CONTACT... THEY WANTED TO COME AND MEET HEREE SO I MADE ARRANGMENTS FOR THEM.

REPORTER: AFTER HAVING MET, DOES LONG BORET FEEL THAT THERE IS HOP..

CHATCHAI THERE IS SOME HOPE. OTHERWISE WHY SHOULD HE HAVE RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH?

REPORTER: WILL A SECOND ROUND OF MEETINGS BE HELD?

CHATCHAI I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE WILL BE A SECOND ROUND. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT RESULTS WERE OBTAINED FROM THE TALKS HELD LAST NIGHT.

REPORTER: COULD YOU DISCLOSE WHERE THE MEETING WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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HELD?

CHATCHAI: NOT YET. THAT MUST BE KEP SECRET FOR THE TIME BEING. SEVERAL MORE MEETINGS WILL HAVE TO BE HELD.

REPORTER: WILL MORE MEETINGS HAVE TO BE HELD, AND WILL THEY BE HELD HERE IN BANGKOK?

CHATCHAI: YES. HERE IN BANGKOK.

REPORTER: THEREFORE, WON'T HE HAVE TO COME HERE CONSTANTLY?

CHATCHAI YES. THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTAND.

REPORTER: WILL HE MEET WITH THE SAME PERSON. OR WILL HE MEET SIHANOUK OR KHIEU SAMPHAN?

CHATCHAI I DON'T KNOW.

REPORTER: COULD YOU TELL US THE LEVEL OF THE PERSON HE WILL MEET?

CHATCHAI: I AM SORRY BUT I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCLOSE ANYTHING YET.

CHATCHAI THE SUBJECT OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE CABINET YET. CAMBODIA WAS THE ONLY SUBJECT DISCUSSED. WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT AND APPEALING TO THEM TO REACH AGREEMENT FOR A CEASEFIRE. IT IS A MATTER WHICH CONCERNS CAMBODIA ITSELF; THERFORE ANY MEETINGS OR NEGOTIATIONS HELD BY ANY CAMBODIAN FACTION WITH PREMIER LONG BORET ARE MEETING WHICH WE WILL NOT ATTEND OR OBSERVE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ARE NOT AND MUST NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CAMBODIA. WE ARE ONLY PROVIDING A PLACE FOR THEM TO MEET AS WELL AS PROVIDING FULL SECURITY MEASURES FOR THEM.

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